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CHAO Fan (6392/4636), chief of the National Religious Affairs Section of the Chinese Communist United Front Department, left Peiping on 1 April 1952 for an inspection of Religious Affairs work. He was accompanied by a group of seven other persons. The group was to go to Tientsin, Tsinan, Tsingtao, Hsuehou, Nanking, Shanghai and Hangchow. Later it was to go to the Central and South, Southwest and Northwest China regions. Its mission was to:

- a. Inspect the activities of religious affairs organizations on all levels.
- b. Inspect religious organizations, and the development of the Three-Self Movement among Christian churches.<sup>1</sup>
- c. Inspect the management of schools, hospitals and other philanthropic organizations which the Chinese Communists have taken over from various missionary and charitable organizations.
- d. Investigate the effectiveness of the prohibition against reactionary religious organizations, such as the I Kuan Tao (0001/6306/6670) and the Salvation Army.
- e. Hold discussion meetings among religious affairs workers in each locality visited, reviewing the experience gained from their activities, and giving them directions for future work.

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Comment. The Three-Self Movement is a self-reform movement being promoted among Christians in China, for independence, self-support, and independent propagation of faith.

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